



# Sully Spotlight

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## Events of Interest for the Month

- \* Wed., Dec. 13—  
Santa's Ride
- \* Fri., Dec. 15—  
Hanukkah begins
- \* Mon., Dec. 25—  
Christmas Day
- \* Tues., Dec. 26—  
Kwanzaa begins

## Holiday Crime Prevention



During the holiday season, take precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family. The following are shopping safety tips.

- \* Shop during daylight hours whenever possible.
- \* Park close to the store if possible. Know exactly where you park your car.
- \* If shopping at night, park in well-lit areas.
- \* If possible, avoid shopping alone.
- \* Carry keys, cash and credit cards separate from each other and be constantly paying attention to your surroundings.
- \* Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If possible, avoid carrying a purse. Use a fanny pack or deep pockets in clothing to carry what you need. Limit the number of credit cards that you carry.
- \* If you have to carry a purse, carry it close to your body and always zipped or snapped.
- \* Be aware of strangers "accidentally" bumping into you. Pickpockets use this as a diversion.
- \* Avoid carrying large packages that block your vision and make you a target for thieves.
- \* Avoid shopping until you are exhausted. You are more alert when you are less tired.
- \* When hurried or in a crowded shop, make sure you get all forms of I.D. and credit cards returned to you before you leave.
- \* Use an escort or mall security if you have too many packages or if you are leaving the store after closing.
- \* Leave the mall/store well before closing time. This way, there is a greater assurance you will walk out with other people. There is safety in numbers.
- \* Be alert while walking to your car. Check under and around your car as you approach it. After checking your car, lock it immediately upon entering it.

Taking the extra time to be safe will help ensure a happy holiday season.

# C.H.A.D.—Children Have An iDentity

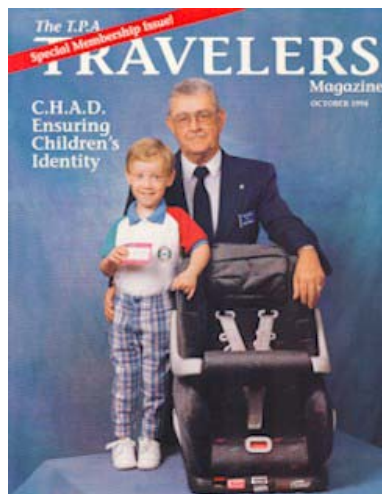
The Sully District Police Station has started a new pilot program called CHAD. The CHAD program involves the distribution of stickers, which can identify children involved in traffic crashes, and should be placed on the side or rear of the child safety seat. This program was launched in Illinois in 1992, as a result of a traffic crash involving a 13-month old boy.

The child's sitter who had been driving, was killed in the crash and the boy, named Chad, was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries. The toddler had to wait for more than an hour for medical treatment because hospital officials were unable to identify him until a family friend happened to walk by his gurney. Later, Chad's parents teamed up with the Illinois Department of Transportation to produce the CHAD stickers so that this nightmare would not happen again on our roadways.




The Sully District Police Station currently has these stickers available to anyone that owns a child seat, and they are free to the public. CHAD stickers contain space for identifying information about the child such as name, parents' information, emergency contact information, medication and allergies and special needs. The stickers can be affixed to the side or the back of the child safety seat, but ensure that the information on the sticker cannot be read from outside the car if placed on the door-side of the child safety seat. Preferably, the sticker should be where it can be viewed by emergency personnel in an emergency.

If the child is involved in a crash where the driver, who may or may not be the child's parent, is unable to tell emergency responders who the child is, those responders can look for the sticker with potentially life-saving information to ensure rapid identification of the child by law enforcement and emergency medical personnel in such an emergency.

The Sully District Police Station encourages you to share this information with everyone that you encounter. If you would like a CHAD sticker, or have questions pertaining to this program, please feel free to contact the Crime Prevention Office at 703-814-7018. Stickers can also be obtained after December 15 from the following fire stations in the Sully District jurisdiction Monday through Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Chantilly Fire Station 15, Centreville Fire Stations 15 and 38, Clifton Fire Station 16 and Burke Station Fire Station 32.



Chad pictured above

CHAD: Children Have An iDentity				
CHILD'S NAME	NICK NAME	DATE OF BIRTH		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	
MOTHER'S NAME	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE		
FATHER'S NAME	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE		
CHILD'S PHYSICIAN			PHONE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT (NOT A PARENT)			PHONE	
MEDICATIONS & ALLERGIES				
SPECIAL NEEDS				
	Sully District		9-1-1	



MADD created the *Tie One On For Safety* campaign, which was originally named the 'Project Red Ribbon' campaign, in 1986 to help heighten public attention to drinking and driving during the holiday season. The program was designed to encourage the public to become actively involved in the fight against drunk driving by tying a MADD ribbon to a visible place on their vehicle, such as the antenna or side mirror.

Red ribbons can be obtained at the Sully District Police Station. Help take a stand against drunk driving this holiday season—tie a red ribbon on your car!



*Drive Responsibly  
This Holiday Season!*

With the holiday season comes social events and parties. Please use designated drivers to ensure everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!





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# Santa's Ride

for Children



Conducted by the **Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad** with the cooperation of Vienna Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, Fairfax City Police and Virginia State Police.



We need **NEW** toys, games, books, stuffed animals and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital and to children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!



Santa will be at the Sully District Police Station Wednesday, December 13 at 9:15 a.m. Please have your toys to the station by December 12 to ensure Santa picks up all the toys!

Wednesday,  
December 13th

Come see Santa & his elves  
out front of the Government Center!  
**Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.**





## KNOW THE RULES...

### SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. When in a public facility always supervise your child, and **ALWAYS** accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always **CHECK FIRST** with you or the person in charge before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and whom they are with at all times.
2. If children become separated from you while holiday shopping, teach them to look for people who can be sources of help within the store. For example a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag who is working at the information booth, or a mother with children could be safe "helpers." They should not leave the area, and they should **NEVER** leave the mall or store and go to the parking lot to try and find their car.
3. Make visits to the mall opportunities for your children to practice these "safe shopping" skills. Teach them how to use a public telephone; locate adult sources of help within the mall or a store; and, for older children, go to the restroom with a friend. Practice having them **CHECK FIRST** with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Leave clothing with your children's names displayed at home, as it can bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people who may be looking for an opportunity to start a conversation with your children.
4. Parents or guardians should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in toy or specialty stores expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.
5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they need to **TAKE A FRIEND**. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.
6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel that you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy for you and your children to get distracted with all the sights, sounds, and crowds of holiday shopping, so make certain they stay with you at all times.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD SAFETY CALL THE NATIONAL CENTER  
FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN AT 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678).**

**[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)**

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# Home Safety for the Holidays



During the holiday season, there are precautions you can take to help ensure the safety of your home and family. When decorating, buying new items for the holidays or gift giving, remember trash day. Items put out to the curb advertise what you have in your house. Break down cardboard boxes of expensive electronics and other items and put them in plastic bags to hide the fact you have valuable items in your home. Thieves are active during the holiday season and look for homeowners who do not take steps to protect their valuables.

If you exchange gifts during the holiday season, remember to take extra steps to keep them concealed. Keeping the gifts hidden from view through outside windows will help decrease your chances of being victim to burglary. Use shades and curtains when possible to conceal valuables.

Schedules are more hectic during the holiday season. People are preoccupied with family and social events. Take time for safety. Ensure doors and windows are locked at all times, even when you are home. Use timers on lights to give the appearance you are home even if you are not. This will also ensure you do not come home to a dark house. If you order gifts to be delivered to your home, ensure someone is there to accept the package. Have a trusted neighbor keep a lookout for packages if you are not home at the time of delivery. If you go out of town for the holidays, make sure you ask a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to check on the house at least once a day. Make sure you leave contact numbers with the house-sitter in case there is an emergency.

When decorating for the holidays, remember safety as well. Before decorating, check lights for frayed or exposed wires. If lights are worn, replace them. Do not take the chance that they will hold up one more year! Many people leave lights up on their house year round. These lights too need to be checked because excessive weather can damage them. Make sure that you do not use an excess amount of extension cords plugged into one another (known as piggybacking). Ensure all extension cords are in good condition as well.

If you are putting up a tree in your home, there are certain things to keep in mind for safety. The placement of a tree (real or artificial) is very important. Do not block exits or place it too close to a heat source. If you have a live tree, keep it watered. A six foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days. Never place burning candles on trees whether live or artificial. Miniature lights have cool burning bulbs which prevent heat build up on the tree.

If there are small children (or pets) in the home or expected to visit during the holiday, child proof your home. Keep breakable ornaments out of reach. Also, tinsel can be a choking hazard for children and pets. If you use live greenery for decorating, remember that it is toxic if swallowed. Supervise small children and pets around greenery, holly, poinsettias and mistletoe. If your child ingests any of these plants, call 911 immediately.

If you have visitors for the holidays, remember to keep walkways and stairways clear from toys and electrical cords. Check handrails to ensure they are secure.

By taking a few extra minutes to ensure the safety of your home and family, you will be able to celebrate the joys of the holiday season. *Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!*



# *Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections*

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates:   Tuesday, December 5, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
                                  Thursday, December 14, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
                                  Tuesday, December 19, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. ***The last car seat inspection will be taken 30 minutes prior to the completion of the night.*** For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



## **Traffic Trivia**



### **Code of Virginia § 18.2-266. Driving motor vehicle, engine, etc., while intoxicated, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train (i) while such person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of breath as indicated by a chemical test administered as provided in this article, (ii) while such person is under the influence of alcohol, (iii) while such person is under the influence of any narcotic drug or any other self-administered intoxicant or drug of whatsoever nature, or any combination of such drugs, to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, (iv) while such person is under the combined influence of alcohol and any drug or drugs to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, or (v) while such person has a blood concentration of any of the following substances at a level that is equal to or greater than: (a) 0.02 milligrams of cocaine per liter of blood, (b) 0.1 milligrams of methamphetamine per liter of blood, (c) 0.01 milligrams of phencyclidine per liter of blood, or (d) 0.1 milligrams of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine per liter of blood. A charge alleging a violation of this section shall support a conviction under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v).

For the purposes of this article, the term "motor vehicle" includes mopeds, while operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth.



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**File a Report on Line**  
**www.fairfaxcounty.**  
**gov/ps/police/**  
**homepage.htm**

**Virginia Amber Alert**  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

**Aggressive Driving—**  
**Report Online at**  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)  
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#### PHONE NUMBERS

**Fairfax County Crime**  
**Solvers :**  
1-866-411-TIPS

**Fairfax County Police**  
**Non-Emergency:**  
703-691-2131

**Sully District Crime**  
**Prevention Office:**  
703-814-7018

**Child Car Seat**  
**Installation:**  
**Sully District Station**  
703-814-7000 x 5140

**SAFE (Self Defense Class)**  
703-246-7806

**Citizen Reporting System**  
**(to file reports only )**  
703-464-4756

## *Having Packages Delivered to Your Home This Holiday Season?*



Have you decided to do your holiday shopping on-line this year instead of fighting the crowds at the stores? Who is going to be home when the packages get delivered? Most times packages are delivered to an empty house because you are at work. Packages sitting on front porches or stoops are a thief's dream come true. A thief can take your package and either take the contents or discard it in some other area once it is learned what is inside. Every year at the holiday season, reports of stolen packages get called in to the police. If you choose to shop on-line, make sure you have the package delivered to a safe location. If your workplace allows you to accept packages, have the item delivered to you at work. If you cannot accept packages at work, have it delivered to a friend or relative that is home during the day. If you have no other option but to have it delivered to your home, try to have it delivered so that a signature is required before the package can be left. Many Web sites now give you a tracking link so that you can follow where your package is at any time. Take a few extra minutes to ensure your packages are delivered safe and secure this holiday season!



## CAC CORNER

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will not meet in the month of December due to the holidays. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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